

WHEN PEOPLE ARE BIG & GOD IS SMALL

Study Guide: Chapter 2 - "People Will See Me"

1. What three reasons does the author suggest Scripture gives for why we fear other people? (23)

THE FEAR THAT COMES FROM SHAME

2. According to Gen 3:7, what did Adam and Eve realize about themselves after they had sinned? (24) How does this describe the debut of the fear of other people?
3. What three biblical examples does the author give to explain how "shame," "nakedness," & "the fear of man" are synonymous in Hebrew culture? (25)
4. What are the two ways that we can "become naked"? Who is responsible for each one? (26)
 - a.
 - b.
5. Do people often struggle with the second way without struggling with the first? (27)

6. What common term do people use today to discuss the biblical idea of shame? (28)
7. Does teaching on self-esteem make the problem better or worse? Why? (28-29)
8. The massive interest in self-esteem exists because of a real problem. What is the real problem? (29)

HIDING — AND SPYING

9. Many people try to hide behind man-made walls to cover their shame. Can anything man-made truly cover shame? (30)
10. What popular past-time do people enjoy behind their walls of shame? (31) Why are certain TV shows or magazines so popular? (32)
11. What is the paradox of self-esteem? (32)

THE MIDNIGHT HOUR

12. What is one way that people try to “avoid God’s eyes.” (33)

13. How does a right relationship with God change our perspective toward the His gaze upon us? (34)

GOD'S ANSWER

14. How does God remove the shame of those who trust in Him? (34-35)

15. Complete the quotation: (35-36) “ The roots of shame-induced fear of man lie . . .

16. What promise in Hebrews 10:10 ultimately allows us to be free from our fear of the eyes of God and others? (36)

Big Idea: *Sin is the source of our internal shame. Only the gospel can fully free us from that shame.*